

Neil and Vivien Pogeler on behalf of Scott Pogeler, Dee Hill on behalf of Cora Hill and Jeb Jones.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones, and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN PASCHALL'S APPOINTMENT TO THE AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CADET FLIGHT ACADEMY

**HON. WILL HURD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. John Paschall upon his appointment to the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Cadet Flight Academy. This appointment is one of the first of its kind and speaks to Mr. Paschall's work ethic and commitment to excellence.

I am proud to represent hardworking young men and women like John in Texas's 23rd Congressional District. W. H. Taft High School is fortunate to have such a dedicated individual representing the student body. I am confident that the skills and lessons he will learn through this experience will continue to serve him well. I have no doubt that John's talents and abilities will help him in his future endeavors. I encourage this young man to continue to serve others and be an active voice in his community as he continues his education.

Congratulations again on this fine achievement.

TRIBUTE TO SAME ALLGEIER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sam Allgeier. He will be presented with the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Salvation Army at their annual dinner on May 9, 2018.

Mr. Allgeier has coached in the Youth Basketball Program since 1986 and was instrumental in rebooting the program in 2002. He currently is the lead referee and spends many hours recruiting coaches and referees for the program.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sam Allgeier for receiving this outstanding award and for his continued commitment to making his community better. I am proud to represent him, and Iowans like him, in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Sam Allgeier and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to World Lymphedema Day. World Lymphedema Day is committed to increasing awareness of a disease that affects up to 10 million Americans and an estimated 150 million people worldwide.

Lymphedema is an extremely understudied yet common disease that occurs when the body's natural lymphatic drainage system is underdeveloped, blocked, or damaged. The lymphatic fluid, unable to properly drain, becomes trapped in a particular area of the body like the arms, legs, torso, head, or neck. The resulting swelling can hinder mobility and impair proper bodily functions. In many cases, the swelling can cause extreme pain dramatically reducing quality of life.

Stanford University estimates that 10 million Americans are affected by lymphedema; however, lymphedema research continues to be chronically underfunded. This has led to an unfortunate number of misdiagnosis and under-treatment of the disease, which add significant costs to patients and the healthcare industry.

Lymphedema can be inheritable or result from a trauma or health complication later in life. Secondary Lymphedema is reported to develop after health experiences such as cancer treatment, radiation therapy, major surgery, and severe burns. Combat injuries sustained by the brave men and women who don the uniform in defense of our country significantly increase the risk of developing lymphedema.

Lymphedema affects an estimated 15 percent of all cancer survivors and 40 percent of all breast cancer survivors. This is particularly concerning as one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lives.

I have long fought to increase funding for breast cancer research by the National Institutes of Health, and have recently passed legislation that will increase funding for research through the Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act.

The New York State legislature recently passed a resolution recognizing March 6 as the 2nd Annual World Lymphedema Day and the U.S. Senate commemorated the day in the last Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing dedication and strength of the advocates, patients, and health care providers calling for increased awareness of and research funding for lymphedema as we mark World Lymphedema Day.

HONORING VIRGINIA TECH PRESIDENT EMERITUS CHARLES WILLIAM STEGER, JR.

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Virginia Tech President Emeritus Charles

William Steger, Jr., who passed away on May 6, 2018 at the age of 70. He was a Hokie through-and-through, and he guided the university to great achievements, bringing new acclaim to this beacon of higher learning in Southwest Virginia.

Dr. Steger devoted most of his adult life to Virginia Tech. He graduated from the university in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in architecture, followed by a master's degree in the same subject the following year and a Ph.D. in environmental sciences and engineering in 1978. Before becoming president in 2000, he taught and held numerous administrative posts, including dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, acting vice president for public services, and vice president for development and university relations.

As president of Virginia Tech from 2000 to 2014, Dr. Steger led the university to new heights. He presided over growth in enrollment and the construction of 40 major new buildings, including the arts center, the Virginia Tech Research Center—Arlington, and the College of Engineering's Goodwin Hall. Research blossomed as the university's expenditures in this area grew from \$192 million to over \$450 million during his tenure. He was passionate about raising Virginia Tech's profile in fields which promise the jobs of tomorrow, establishing a school of biomedical engineering and helping to bring together the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute. Under the leadership of Dr. Steger, Virginia Tech grew in size, reputation, and academic excellence.

It is hard to imagine a more terrible event to face a university president than the horrific shooting that took place at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007. During that time of agony and grief, Dr. Steger led the university with remarkable dignity.

Many honors and awards recognized Dr. Steger for his contributions to education, including the Michael P. Malone International Leadership Award from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, the Chief Executive Leadership Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, District III, and the Compass Award from the New Century Technology Council. After retiring from Virginia Tech's presidency, Dr. Steger became executive director of the Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience.

I, along with many in Virginia and across the nation, held Dr. Charles William Steger, Jr. in the highest esteem.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Janet, his son Christopher Steger and wife Elizabeth Schumann, and his son David Steger and fiancée Alison Nemeth. He will forever be remembered by the Virginia Tech community he loved and led.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT JAMES "JIM" VINCENT MCGRAIL, IV

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of James "Jim" Vincent McGrail, IV. We lost Jim on April 29, 2018, one day shy of his 64th birthday. Jim lived in

the Bay Area his entire life, and he worked tirelessly to serve his community.

Jim grew up in San Lorenzo, California, and he attended San Lorenzo High School. Following graduation, Jim began serving his community with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. In 1976, Jim became a deputy sheriff and spent 14 years protecting and serving our community.

During his time with the Sheriff's Office, he was promoted to sergeant and was assigned to the Santa Rita Jail, Regional Training Center, the Eden Township Substation Patrol and the Detective Division.

While Jim successfully investigated multiple homicide cases during his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, he also was busy furthering his own education. Jim earned a bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco and a law degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Law. Upon passing the California Bar, Jim left law enforcement to pursue a career as a prosecutor with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. He served as a prosecutor for two years before opening his own law practice in Livermore, California.

Even after moving to private law practice, Jim continued to give back to his community through his work on the Alameda County Fair Board, Livermore Rodeo Foundation Board, as the Vice President of Zone 7 Water Agency, and at his family winery, McGrail Vineyards. When four Oakland police officers were killed in 2009, Jim named his most popular wine after them and donated proceeds from every sale in their honor.

Throughout his career Jim was dedicated to serving Alameda County. I am grateful to have known Jim, and his legacy of kindness and service is survived by his wife Ginger, his daughters, Heather and Shannon, and his son, Alameda County Sheriff's Office Captain James McGrail. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, and he will forever be remembered for his invaluable contributions to our community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EDDIE DIEGO REYES

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Eddie Diego Reyes. Eddie was a proud son of Guam and faithful public servant throughout his life. Eddie served the people of Guam as the Lt. Governor of Guam from 1983 to 1987 alongside my husband, the late Governor Ricky Bordallo.

He was born on January 24, 1930 and lived a full and admirable life, passing away on Sunday, April 15, 2018 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 88.

Eddie was the eldest of 9 brothers and sisters of Juan Guevara Reyes and Ana San Nicolas Diego. As the eldest, he carried much of the family responsibility and worked for his father in their liquor stores in Asan and Mangilao. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1950 and sparked his

military career in the ROTC Program at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 1954. In 1965, he also received his Master of Business Administration in management from George Washington University.

Eddie served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1982 when he moved to Guam to run for Lt. Governor. In 1972 Eddie Reyes attained the rank of full Colonel and retired after serving in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 29 years with primary specialty in Director of Personnel Management.

He served his country as a Vietnam War Veteran with service awards in Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster and Outstanding Unit Award Republic of Vietnam Service Medal. Eddie also served at the Pentagon's Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff, five Major Command Headquarters and was Management Advisor to the Royal Thai Air Force.

Though he was not a politician, Ricky and I saw something special in Eddie, and knew he was the man to serve as Lt. Governor alongside him. Eddie served as Lt. Governor with my late husband Governor Ricardo Bordallo from 1983 to 1987. He was responsible for the day-to-day operations of Executive Branch including the management of the Washington D.C. Liaison Office. He chaired the Governor's Committees on Fiscal Policy, Legislative Review and the White Collar Crime Task Force on Fraud and Abuse.

After completing his term as Lt. Governor, Eddie also served as an instructor at the University of Guam and later served the people of Guam as a senator in the 20th and 22nd Guam Legislature.

Eddie was also involved in the community and served as the Vice President of St. Anthony Parish Council, and as a member of the Air Force Retiree Association, the Air Force Association and the Air Force Institute of Technology Association and the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors.

I will always remember Eddie for his loyalty and service to our island and our nation. I am deeply saddened by his death, and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life, and recognizing and remembering his dedicated service to Guam. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 63 years, Guadalupe C. Reyes and their family.

He will be missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THEIR 124TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Galena Public Library on their 124th anniversary. The library was recently recognized by the Galena Chamber of Commerce with a Gold Ribbon cutting for their outstanding efforts to promote free education for all.

The Galena Public Library has grown tremendously over the years and become a pillar in the community. The library has gone above and beyond in serving the community and now welcomes great lecturers on a wide range of topics. I have had the pleasure of visiting the Galena library myself, and I am proud to recognize them as they celebrate this milestone.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again congratulate the Galena Public Library on their 124th anniversary and for their commitment to the residents of Galena. I wish them the best of luck as they continue to serve our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, I missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 155; NAY on Roll Call No. 156; NAY on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; NAY on Roll Call No. 159; YEA on Roll Call No. 160; and YEA on Roll Call No. 161.

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPANISH SPEAKING ELDERLY COUNCIL—RAICES

#### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Spanish Speaking Elderly Council—RAICES as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary on May 17, 2018.

This invaluable organization was founded in 1978 by retired Hispanic senior citizens to meet the needs of New York City's growing Latino community in Brooklyn. Instead of enjoying retirement, determined retirees and founders went back to work to create an organization that would lift communication and service barriers for elderly Latinos.

Through its activities, workshops, outings and classes, RAICES provides an opportunity for seniors to receive resources, information, exercise and nutrition, but also an opportunity to give back to the community through programs. Members have learned about elder abuse, crime prevention, and fire safety.

In addition to building upon their skills, knowledge and ability, it provides members with an array of case assistance, advocacy, benefits and entitlement assistance, improving the lives of hundreds of seniors living below or at the federal poverty line.

Today, RAICES operates seven senior centers in the counties of Brooklyn and Queens New York. I congratulate Spanish Speaking Elderly Council—RAICES, Inc. for forty years of invaluable services. I commend Lisette Sosa-Dickson, Executive Director and Board of Directors for their leadership and public service. I wish RAICES many more years of continued success.